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have by the Constitution, and I think LB 341 and the mechanisms it has in it is a logical, fair, equitable mechanism to provide that property tax relief and provide that responsibility most importantly that I think we should have as far as the support of education is concerned. I urge you to vote to override the Governor on LB 341.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator John DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, this is a veto that I am voting to override and I hope you will, too. It does absolutely nothing for property tax relief or education this year nor did the previous bill. So why vote to override the vetoes? I am absolutely, completely, 100 percent satisfied that by this time next year or correctly, by January of next year, you will have a bit of a constitutional crisis on the property tax question. I want as many formulas in place by next year for this Legislature, hopefully without me here, for this Legislature to deal with the entire property tax and tax structure question. This is nothing more than a bare vehicle that will be sitting there next year as one of the formulas you may use. Whether you are going to accept Jaksha's petition or whether you are going to do the responsible thing of putting our own proposal on the ballot for the people to vote on that is more flexible and more workable, you are going to have it happen next year. It is going to happen in November. It is going to happen by the voters and so even though this bill may look like it is nothing, it is a formula sitting there that you can utilize next year. There are about four formulas over there. There is the one you just passed on homestead. It is just simply no money but it is a formula sitting there for next year. You have this one if you pass this. You have the existing state aid formulas and you have some of the proposals that we've tried in one form or another to get there sitting in law. Now if you believe that it can be delayed more than another year, you are simply whistling Dixie. So my reason, and I would suggest a reasonable reason for voting to override this at this time and put it on Final Reading, is that when this crisis hits before January you have alternative forms already in place that then you can choose whether you want to fund or amend and you don't have to do